

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
Minutes, January 9, 2012

Present: Tim Bowman (chair), Jane Feinberg, Doug John, Jennifer Page, Michael Sattler
Paul Solomon

Absent: Wendy Rundle, Sara Masucci

The chair convened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

- APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting was deferred.
- RECRUITMENT of VIC MEMBER: no names were proposed for the Committee's one vacancy.

- MEETING SCHEDULE
Meetings will return to the second and fourth Thursdays of each month except that there will be no meeting on Feb.23 (school vacation week), and the meetings scheduled for March 8 and 22 will be changed to Mondays, March 12 and 26.

- VIC PLANNING for 2012
The rest of the meeting was devoted to an extensive discussion of methods to increase communication between town government and citizens, as well as ways to increase the sense of community.
It was felt that Belmont should lead by example, rather than follow other communities' communication methods.
It was proposed that "discussion circles" would be organized as "hybrids": a combination of face-to-face and on line participation, which would increase citizen involvement. Topics would be chosen by participants, and Town "experts" would take part. Members of the business community would also be asked to participate.

This discussion will be continued at the Committee's next meeting on January 26. Tim will send Committee members an article on "Study Circles" by Kennedy School faculty member Archon Fung.

- OTHER BUSINESS
None.

VI. ADJOURN

The Committee was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Solomon
Secretary Pro Tem